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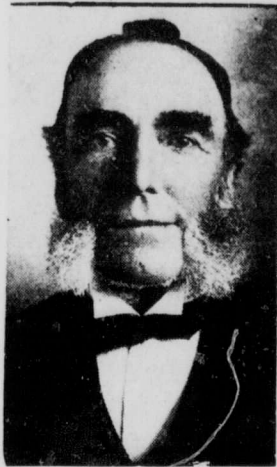
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Grand Old Couple Celebrate Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Sixty years ago, on December 20, 1859, Reuben Sparks, of East Flamboro, and Miss Sarah Jane Mills, of Glanford, were married. On Saturday last this splendid old couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Although this bride and groom of sixty years ago are in their eighty-sixth and eighty-first years, they are still very active and enjoying excellent health. Mr. Sparks was born in Devonshire, England, coming to Canada when but a youth and took up farming in Wentworth county, which occupation he followed for fifty four years, when he moved to Waterdown. His idea was to retire when he quit the farm, but his English spirit and strong constitution proved to be incompatible with retirement, and he went into the insurance business. As an insurance agent Mr. Sparks has proved most successful. Of him it might be said he had two successful careers, for he was known as one of the best farmers in the county. Mr. Sparks' worth as a sales agent was proven during the 1918 and 1919 Victory loan campaigns, when his services were specially mentioned by the campaign organizer. Mr. Sparks was one of those who boosted Wentworth to the proud position she succeeded in obtaining as one of the big counties of the Dominion.

In public life Mr. Sparks has always been active. For four years he served in the township of East Flamboro as a councillor, and was offered the deputy-reeveship by acclamation, but for personal reasons was unable to accept. As township assessor for seven years, Mr. Sparks did excellent work. In 1881 he acted as Dominion census recorder. He has been on the board of audit for Waterdown for eighteen years. When the village decided to raise a patriotic fund Mr. Sparks was appointed one of the canvassers, and he is very proud of the returns obtained from the half of the town which was allotted to him.

With high ideals of citizenship, Mr. Sparks has always taken an active interest in his adopted land and her political and economic problems. He is known as one of the old-fashioned Tories, who in the early days did so much to cement the motherland and her colonies.

Mrs. Sparks, although not so widely known as her husband, has

numerous friends throughout the county. She is a real old-fashioned lady, one of the sweet, lovable, kind that in this age are unfortunately too rare. Everyone who has the privilege of Mrs. Sparks' acquaintance remarks upon her happy, motherly disposition. She has been a true home-maker, and has surrounded her family with an environment that has to-day created for her a throne. Her children and grandchildren worship her.

During their long married life Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have been active members of the Methodist church.

The party given in honor of the diamond wedding was in the nature of a family reunion, all the children, grandchildren and the one great-grandchild of these happy old people being present. The immediate family include Dr. Fred Sparks of California, Charles of Hamilton, E. J. of Waterdown, Horace of Hamilton, Mrs. N. F. Morden of West Flamboro Mrs. Thomas Mills of Kilbride and Mrs. R. J. Vance of Waterdown. Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vance and Rev. R. Facey were also present.

A very pleasing event of the day was the christening of their great-grandchild, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mills of Kilbride.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, the Review extends its congratulations and very best wishes.

Knox Church Xmas Entertainment

Knox Church S. S. was the scene of a very happy and enjoyable event on Monday evening last. It being the occasion of holding their annual Xmas entertainment. There was a goodly supply of good things on the tree for the faithful Kiddies who were the happy recipients. An excellent program was provided by the children, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Millgrove

The Millgrove Women's Institute will meet next Tuesday, December 30th at the home of Mrs. T. Doubrough. Members are requested to answer the roll call with a New Year's resolution.

The New Ice Rink

Dr. J. O. McGregor has made it possible for the young folks of the village to enjoy the long winter evenings in the favorite pastime of ice skating. A committee of High school boys waited on the doctor and secured the privilege of flooding the Lawn Bowling Green, which makes an excellent ice rink. The High school boys will be the caretakers, for which they reserve certain afternoons during the week from 4 to 6 for the purpose of hockey practice. All other times are open to the public, ice and weather permitting. The Hydro Committee and village council have consented to light for the rink, and Mr. Chas. Brigger has loaned a large boarding house car for the use of the skaters. As there is always a certain amount of expense in connection with an enterprise of this kind the High School boys are asking the public to assist them financially. No more than actual expenses will be collected. Hockey teams will be organized and some exciting games may be looked for. One or two afternoons a week will be set aside for beginners and small children. All should boost the great winter outdoor sport.

A fast and exciting game of hockey will be played Christmas afternoon between teams from north and south of Dundas street.

Mrs. N. D. Misener

A well known and esteemed resident of this village passed away at her home here on Thursday last in the person of Mrs. N. D. Misener. Deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Mathias Smith, Governor's road. Her husband predeceased her 27 years ago. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Wood of Burlington, her niece, Lottie Smith, who has resided with her since a child, and three sisters, Mrs. Geo. Proeman of Harrisburg, Mrs. H. J. Shaver of Jerseyville and Mrs. D. M. Burch of De Queen, Arkansas, and one brother Andrew of Muskoka.

The funeral took place last Monday from her late residence, Mill street, to the Waterdown cemetery, the Rev. J. F. Wedderburn officiating at the home and grave. The pallbearers were J. W. Griffin, John Mitchell, Wm. Smith, P. H. Davidson, Isaac Baker and Jas. Thompson.

School Improvements

The High School board are making a number of improvements in the class rooms, double windows having put in a and new hardwood floor put down in form 2. These improvements were sadly needed and will add greatly to the comfort of the teachers and scholars. We believe that further improvements are contemplated and will be commenced at an early date. "Let the good work go on" we say.

The Women's Institute packed and sent to the bed patients at the Brant House, Burlington, sixty Christmas stockings and for the other soldiers not bed patients sent about two bushels of good apples. They wish to acknowledge the generosity of the merchants and others who made such a good contribution to the Christmas good cheer of these brave men possible.